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Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is a patent application for:

Applicants: Scott McCuan and Kent Sloan

Application: CIRCULAR CONDUIT OPENING CLOSURE DEVICE

This application comprises of:

9 pages of specifications  
2 pages of drawings  
Combination Declaration & Power of Attorney  
Small Entity Declaration  
Nonpublication Request  
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15 claims and 2 independent claims	\$375.00
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventors: Scott McCuan and Kent Sloan

Title: **CIRCULAR CONDUIT OPENING CLOSURE DEVICE**

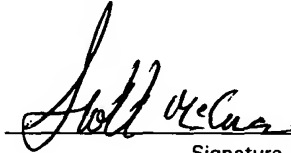
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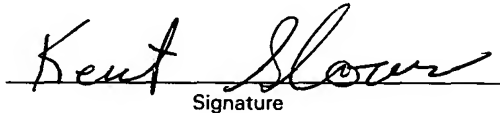
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In regards to application of:

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